

Tree Planting Committee (TPC) Minutes – Russett Road site visit – 10/28/2013 at 4:45pm

Present – Tom Brady (Tree Warden), Peter Jutras (Arborist), Hugh Mattison (TPC), Nadine Gerdtz (TPC), Brandon Schmitt (TPC), about 20 Russett Road residents

Tom explained purpose of site visit: Some residents have asked for tree removal. Tom's initial inspection indicated that removals (other than a few recent removals) was not justified, since none of these trees constitute a hazard. After introductions and discussion, Tom explained that the presence of mushrooms at the base accompanied by decay and branch dieback would be cause for closer inspection. The group walked from Grove Street to VFW Parkway and back.

Comments:

237 Russett Rd - prune pin oak

265 - "Turkey Tail" mushrooms, Tom to inspect

277 - mushrooms apparent, aerial inspection will be performed

291 - sidewalk panel heaved (request # submitted)

336 - removal requested, Tom supports

340 - mushrooms apparent, prune branches toward house

353 - Pruning needed

359 - 35" dbh, rotting at curb in 6", getting worse.

362 - plant Elm next spring to replace removal

365 - removal requested

377 - removal requested

The site visit concluded with Tom explaining next steps for removal requests: place a notice in the paper for two consecutive weeks listing the location and dbh for a public hearing. At the hearing, the requestor presents reasons for removal. Anyone can object to a removal in writing for any reason. Unless deemed a hazard by the Tree Warden, or overruled by the Board of Selectmen, the tree will not be removed.

The general consensus was that Wednesday, December 3 at 5:30 would be the most convenient time for a public hearing on any trees requested for removal.

Ended at 5:30pm.

Prepared and submitted by Hugh Mattison
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